Drug trafficking in North-Eastern states

1158. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whather it is a fact that illeagal trafficking of drugs is on the rise in North-Eastern India alongwith the borders of Myanmar and the Government of India has not set up 12 sanctioned border outposts along a 370 km. long border with Myanmar in Mizoram, which is virtually an open territory for illegal drug traffickers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have so far taken or proposed to take to stop the illegal trafficking of drugs in the North East ?

THE MINISTER OF STARE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Government are aware of the problem of drug-trafficking in the North East along the Indo-Myanmar border. There are 14 border observation posts along the Indo-Myanmar border in Mizoram. Separately, a proposal was received from the Government of Mizoram for raising a Border Poilce Force at an estimated cost of Rs. 70 lakhs recurring and Rs: 314 lakhs non-recurring to guard the international border with Myanmar and Bangladesh. The State Government was advised to meet the requirement with the help of existing forces.

Various enforcement agencies of the Central Government have been taking measures to fight this menace. They are maintaining utmost vigil and are applying stringent provisions contained in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. Coorddination Committees have been constituted for exchange of information and mutual cooperation amongst the enforcement agencies. Trafficking routes have been identified and circulated to all concerned agencies. A bilateral agreement with Myanmar was signed in March 1993 to facilitate exchange of intelligence and cooperation in enforcement effort against drug trfficking. Strengthening of border surveillance is an on-going process.

Return of Bangladesh refugees from India

1159. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any round of talks have been held between India and Bangladesh to take back the Bandgladeshi-tribal refugees from Tripura and other States from North Eastern region:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) By when the process of taking back the refugees will start; and

(d) whether Govenment have taken any intiative with Bangladesh to send back refuggees from other border States; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a), (b) and (d) The Government of India and Bangladesh have held meetings both at official and Ministerial levels in recent months to finalise the repatriation programme of Chakma refugees from Tripura. There is no proposal for repatriation of Bangladesh tribal refugees from other States of the North Eastern region.

(c) The repatriation of Chakma refugees from Tripura commenced 15 February 1994. So far 1854 Chakma refugees have been repatriated. The state Government of Tripura have been advised to draw up a further programme of repatriation in consultation with the refugee leaders and the Bangladesh authotities.

Recommendations for out of Turn Promotion in Delhi police

1160. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any recommendations were made for out of turn promotion in case of the Delhi Police during the period January 1992 to November, 1993.

(b) how many of them have been promoted with details thereof ;